

Play Ball.

The best batters are continually passed intentionally nowadays—a purely accidental development of the rules, never contemplated when they were made. The practice injures the sport. It deprives the spectators of some of the best features of the game, and it gives the pitcher an advantage for which he makes no adequate payment. The ideal pitcher, like Mathewson, seldom or never does it, but it is becoming more and more frequent. What do our readers think? To our own mind, it ought to cease. It would be easy to stop it. The batter could be allowed to refuse a base on balls when he chose, or the umpire could refuse to send him to base when he judged the passing to be intentional. If the umpire decided it, a new element of skill would be introduced. The pitcher, instead of throwing the ball several feet outside the base, or over the batter's head, as he does now, would have to rely on control, putting it only a few inches out of position, in order to prevent the umpire's penalty, and this would also give the batter a chance, if he chose, to hit a ball not quite over the plate. We venture to say that if this change were urged at the next meeting of either of the big leagues it would be adopted. Recently Callahan of Chicago fined his great pitcher Walsh for not obeying him when he gave the signal to pass Zinn. Walsh has been working for years to perfect a movement of the shoulders which will deceive the base runner without enabling the umpire to call a balk. Callahan has not fined him for that; nor seriously, do we object to any strategy of the kind on the part of the players, but we do think the rules themselves should be so drawn as to bring out all the best qualities of the game. President Lynch and President Johnson, we understand, would favor a change, as do some players, including Johnny Evers of the Cubs, not surpassed by anybody in strategy of the game.—Collier's.

Porter Wagoner Weds Miss Duncan.

Married, in Kansas City, Monday, August 12, 1912, Porter L. Wagoner to Miss Rue Duncan. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, of near Odessa, and is one of Lafayette county's energetic young men and has many friends. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Duncan, of near Oak Grove, and is one of the most popular young ladies of Jackson county. The groom's cousin, Miss Maude Williams and Mr. Claude Grayum were the attendants. Their many friends wish the young couple prosperity, while The Democrat joins with congratulations.—Odessa Democrat.

Notice.

All persons running private boarding houses are hereby notified that their licenses were due July 1, and must be paid immediately or legal proceedings will be taken against them.

A. E. TAUBMAN,
Mayor.

Yes, We Do Love Work.

Don't forget us, we are in town and we want to make your side walks. We make the best and treat you white. Others come and make big talk then go. We stay, WORK, and deliver the goods.

JOHN I. ASHURST.
Office Phone 437. Res. Phone 325.

What You Auto Know.

That you can buy a good little runabout if taken by Aug. 15th, at about one third of its cost. Engine and transmission lately over hauled and all worn parts replaced, also new set of rubber tires. Write or see Marcus Simpson at Aulville for price and demonstration.

Missouri State Fair at Sedalia September 28 to October 4, 1912.

The Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Missouri State Fair promises to be better than any of the previous exhibitions. The educational features of the Fair are stronger than ever. Every visitor at the Fair goes away benefited. While it is necessary to have amusement features to make a fair rounded program for a State Fair, the Board of Directors feels that the educational features should be made prominent in every department and the amusement features incidental.

The best Live Stock Show of any State Fair in the United States is the record established at the Missouri State Fair. This record will not be lowered this year and the exhibitions of Cattle, Heavy and Light Horses, Swine, Sheep and Poultry will be larger than in former years and the best herds in America will be seen in the show rings. It is a "Million Dollar" Live Stock Show.

Additional space has been provided for the Missouri School Exhibits. There will be on exhibition splendid exhibits from country and city schools from all over the state. The State Superintendent of Education is in charge of these exhibits. Other features that will appeal to the State Fair visitors will be the Anti-Tuberculosis Exhibits, the exhibits showing methods of prevention of the spread of disease and the Pure Food Show. The curators of the Missouri State University have arranged for a better educational exhibit at the Missouri State Fair this year than ever. The University will occupy one entire building which is known as art University Building. All the Normal Schools of the state and the School of Mines will install splendid exhibits.

Everybody wants to see the harness and running races at the State Fair and Speed Program this year is much better arranged and more horses are entered in each race than in any previous year. Good, clean racing interests State Fair Visitors.

Arthur Downs was here from Corder Saturday. He was recently elected superintendent of the Odessa schools and The Democrat is of the opinion that a wise choice was made, as he has the reputation of being an educator of rare ability. While in town Saturday the Professor added his name to The Democrat's ever increasing list of new readers.—Odessa Democrat.

Six Beautiful Teaspoons Free.

Farm Progress of St. Louis, Mo., the biggest and best semi-monthly farm and agricultural paper printed in the United States, offers to send six beautiful teaspoons to anyone who sends 25 cents for a one-year subscription, or one dozen spoons for a two-year subscription at 50 cents. The spoons are six inches in length and are made of solid silveroid (Pure White Metal), which will not tarnish, and in ordinary use will last for years. The edges are handsomely beaded after the design of the most expensive spoons made and in every way will prove valuable to the household. If you are at present a subscriber and wish to take advantage of this offer your subscription will be extended. Tell your friends and neighbors about this generous offer. Address all orders to Farm Progress, St. Louis, Mo.

Sextone Dress Forms.

For thirty days at \$6.00 with pedestal complete. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sole owned of Lafayette County. Address, Mrs. W. A. Morrison, Higginsville, Mo.

The "Practical Man" Again.

While it supplied certain new details of relatively minor importance the testimony of ex-Governor B. B. Odell, Jr., concerning the Harriman episode in the 1904 campaign is interesting and useful, as it further corroborates evidence already known and believed.

The letter of the late E. H. Harriman to the late Sydney Webster set forth in detail the story of his visit to the White House at the invitation of Theodore Roosevelt, then President of the United States, to discuss the State campaign in New York. Mr. Harriman's subsequent activity, the \$240,000 he raised and turned over to the Republican National Committee, if ex-Governor Odell's memory is correct, are facts so well established as to need little corroboration.

But ex-Governor Odell's testimony serves the valuable purpose of recording an interesting and characteristic episode in the career of a man who his most ardent supporters now proclaim has oddly changed in spirit and purpose since he described both Mr. Harriman and himself as "practical men" in a refreshingly frank communication.

One detail of ex-Governor Odell's testimony is worth noting. It is the testimony of a living man. Not until Webster and Harriman were both dead did Colonel Roosevelt become vocal on this subject and then through the agency of the Hon. George R. Sheldon. As ex-Governor Odell's evidence confirms all other public records of this little incident save Mr. Sheldon's contribution, it is probable that the public jury will accept Mr. Odell's own characterization of conflicting testimony.

The facts are that Theodore Roosevelt thought New York State was doubtful and requested the late E. H. Harriman to raise a quarter of a million to avert the peril; whether the National or State Committee received the money, what ancillary bargain Colonel Roosevelt made over the Senatorial election, are minor although not uninteresting details.

The chief value of Mr. Odell's testimony is not that it confirms but that it recalls a fact.—New York Sun.

MAKES RAPID HEADWAY

Add This Fact to Your Store of Knowledge.

Kidney disease often advances so rapidly that many a person is firmly in its grasp before aware of its progress. Prompt attention should be given the slightest symptom of kidney disorder. If there is a dull pain in the back, headaches, dizzy spells or a tired, worn-out feeling, or if the kidney secretions are offensive, irregular and attended by pain, procure a good kidney remedy at once.

Your townspeople recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the statement of this Lexington citizen.

Mrs. Edward Revrige, 2201 Franklin Ave., Lexington, Mo., says: "I was bothered for many months by back trouble. It ached intensely and was lame and sore. The kidney action was irregular and there were dizzy headaches and pains. I was greatly benefited by one box of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from Crenshaw and Young's Drug Store. I gladly endorse this remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Honey For Sale.

Honey made in Lexington. Call phone 303 or 635.

The Paint that will last longest
SHERWIN & WILLIAMS
For Sale by
W. F. WEIS.

TARIFF HAS NOT HELPED FARMERS

Senator Gardner Gives Reason for Supporting Wilson.

NOW IS TIME FOR REWARD

Too Long Have They Been Fooled by False Gods—Rallying to Democracy's Banners.

The reasons why those engaged in agricultural pursuits should support Governor Woodrow Wilson for president are strongly set forth by Senator Obadiah Gardner of Maine in an address to farmers.

Senator Gardner is a practical farmer, one who farms his own farm, and he is probably in closer touch and sympathy with country life and its environments than any other man in public life.

For twenty-five years Senator Gardner has been actively engaged in the National Grange and for ten years he was the master of the State Grange of Maine. A few years ago he came within a close margin of being elected governor of the Pine Tree State.

A little less than a year ago, when Senator Frye, who had represented Maine in the senate for thirty years, died, Governor Plaisted honored Mr. Gardner, and recognized the agricultural interests of the country by appointing him to the United States senate, where he has made a most creditable record, devoting particular attention to the welfare of the great rural population of the country. He is now a candidate for re-election and will undoubtedly be successful.

In his address, Senator Gardner says:

To the Farmers of the United States, Greeting:

Being one of you and for the greater part of my life having been engaged in the practical every-day duties of my own farm, having been for 25 years past officially at work through boards of agriculture and the National and State Granges, having served four years as second officer of the National Grange and as master of the Maine State Grange ten years, during which time the order in Maine added 8,445 members and attained a power and influence never held before, I feel I am in a position to speak from the standpoint of one who knows the farmer and his needs, and it is solely because of this that I am prompted to address you.

For years farmers have justly complained of being required to pull at the short end of the rope because of unjust and discriminations in legislation and transportation, and at the present time the farmers are charged with being the cause of the high cost of living. As a matter of fact, taken collectively, the amount invested in their business, the hours devoted to it, the labor and every thing connected with the details of agricultural life—they are, as a whole, the poorest paid class of people in this country, while relatively the most important.

Farmers Have Been Deceived.
During all recent years farmers have been told that a great blessing has been theirs through the so-called protective tariff, and yet to find a market for their principal crops they have had to compete in the markets of the world where the price is fixed. But suddenly it is discovered that the farmer is the sole cause for the high cost of living, and what happens? The president (Mr. Taft) with a total disregard for the interests of the farmers, submits a plan to open up to competition with the farmers of the United States the products of Canada while being careful to preserve the tariff, or more correctly speaking, the tax, on all the farmer has to buy, which, as clearly as anything can expose the hypocrisy and "humbbuggery" of the claim that the tariff is a benefit to agriculture as compared with manufactured products.

Now, the farmers of this country have an opportunity to benefit themselves that has never appeared within my recollection, as the Democratic party has been compelled by the force of public opinion to nominate a man for the presidency who is best equipped for that high office of any that have been nominated or elected since Lincoln. A man that I speak of from a personal acquaintance with and a knowledge of his fitness as a man of great natural ability, splendidly educated, not theoretically but practically, a keenness of intellect remarkable for its grasp of every condition with which he is confronted; an indomitable courage to do right; and above all a great broad tendency and sympathy for all classes. He will make one of the most accessible presidents ever in the White House, and through whom none will be refused a hearing, however humble nor fall to recognize the rights of the weak. He is truly a man of justice and I wish every person in the United States could know him as I know him, and supplement all these qualities is the additional one that his home is one of perfect balance.

None can meet the splendid Mrs. Wilson and her three refined, cultured daughters with their perfect naturalness, but must feel that the whole family of Woodrow Wilson was especially prepared to do a great need in the present crisis in the history of our country, as were Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln, and I would advise the farmers upon my reputation as a man. If you want to protect your own interests and those of your families; if you want to render the greatest possible aid to every country and future generations; if you want to contribute your part to the end that popular government under God shall not perish from the earth, then see that the Hon. Woodrow Wilson is elected president.

O. GARDNER.

THE PEOPLE AND THE CURRENCY.

In dealing with the complicated and difficult question of the reform of our banking and currency laws it is plain that we ought to consult very many persons besides the bankers, not because we distrust the bankers, but because they do not necessarily comprehend the business of the country, notwithstanding they are indispensable servants of it and may do a vast deal to make it hard or easy. No mere bankers' plan will meet the requirements, no matter how honestly conceived. It should be a merchants' and farmers' plan as well, elastic in the hands of those who use it as an indispensable part of their daily business.—From Woodrow Wilson's speech accepting the Democratic nomination.

A Reader Cures His Constipation—Try It Free

Simple way for any family to retain the good health of all its members

The editors of "Health Hints" and "Questions and Answers" have one question that is put to them more often than any other, and which strangely enough, they find the most difficult to answer. That is "How can I cure my constipation?"

Dr. Caldwell, an eminent specialist in diseases of the stomach, liver and bowels, has looked the whole field over, has practiced the specialty for forty years and is convinced that the ingredients contained in what is called Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has the best claim to attention from constipated people.

Its success in the cure of stubborn constipation has done much to displace the use of salts, waters, strong

cathartics and such things. Syrup Pepsin, by training the stomach and bowel muscles to again do their work naturally, and with its tonic ingredients strengthening the nerves, brings about a lasting cure. Among its strongest supporters are Mr. John Graveline of 98 Milwaukee Ave., Detroit, Mich. and Mr. J. A. Vernon of Oklahoma City. Thousands of others of both sexes have written to Dr. Caldwell telling of gratifying results. It can be obtained of any druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, or if you want to try it first a free sample bottle can be obtained by writing the doctor.

For the free sample address Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Griswold and Master Edward Griswold are visiting the family of Judge W. G. McCausland.

Mrs. George Haines returned Thursday from an extended visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Dr. Z. M. Williams left Friday morning for a business trip to Kansas City and St. Louis. On Sunday he preached the dedicatory sermon at a Methodist church in Hamburg, St. Charles County, Missouri.

Mrs. T. B. Ramsey, Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Graves are visiting the family of Judge W. G. McCausland.

Mrs. C. L. Morris left Friday morning for an extended visit in Iowa.

Ed. Barson returned Friday morning from a visit in Excelsior Springs.

Dr. A. E. Rogers went to Buncheon Friday on business.

Notice to Coal Dealers.

The County Court of Lafayette County will receive bids for coal up to Monday, September 2, 1912. Coal to be delivered to the court house and county jail from September 15, 1912, to September 15, 1913.

By order of the County Court.
C. L. GLASSCOCK,
Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE—ss.
In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, October term, 1912, at Lexington. In vacation July 31st, 1912.

Fred Heitman, Plaintiff,
vs.
Emma Heitman, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by his Attorney and files petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Missouri; whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk of said court in vacation as follows: To the said Defendant: Emma Heitman, you are hereby notified that the plaintiff has commenced a suit against you in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony contracted between the plaintiff and defendant upon the grounds that the defendant has offered such indignities to the plaintiff as to render his condition intolerable by absconding with his home and neglecting her household duties; by quarreling and abusing plaintiff and by calling him vile names and that unless said defendant Emma Heitman be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun City of Lexington, in said county, on or before the 14th day of October, 1912 next, and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in The Lexington Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county of Lafayette for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next October term of this court.

J. W. SYDNOR,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
Witness my hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County this 31st day of July, 1912.

J. W. SYDNOR,
Circuit Clerk.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE—ss.
In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, October term, 1912, at Lexington. In vacation August 30, 1912.

Eva Ehret, a minor who sues by John Hall her next friend, Plaintiff,
vs.
Ernest Ehret, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by her Attorney and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that Defendant, Ernest Ehret, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri; whereupon, it is ordered as follows: To the said Defendant: Ernest Ehret, you are hereby notified that the plaintiff has commenced suit against you in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted between the plaintiff and defendant upon the ground that the defendant has offered to the plaintiff such indignities as to render her condition intolerable in this, that defendant abused and cursed plaintiff and told her he did not intend to live with her and that she could go to her home; and that unless said defendant, Ernest Ehret, be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Lexington, in said County, on the 14th day of October, 1912 next, and on or before the said first day of said term and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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J. W. SYDNOR,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
Witness my hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County this 5th day of August, 1912.

J. W. SYDNOR,
Circuit Clerk.

WANTS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—50 yearling White Leghorn hens.
JOHN J. PRICE.

FOR SALE—A neat little home in a pleasant neighborhood. Apply at 1511 Franklin avenue.

FOR SALE—A mare with mule colt by her side. Phone No. 1.
J. C. YOUNG, JR.

FOR SALE—6 horse power boiler and double action 2 inch steam pump, good as new.
FRANK KRIEHN.

FOR SALE—Twelve Buff Orpington hens and one rooster. Eggs per setting 50 cents. Phone 78.

FOR SALE CHEAP—1 four burner gas range, and 1 six hole coal range. Both in good condition. Phone 233.

LOST—A gold chain with small gold cross attached. Greatly valued for associations. Return to this office and receive reward.

WANTED—A good white girl for cooking and general housework. Good wages to the right party. Phone 228, or call at 1416 South street.

FOR SALE—80 acre farm 3 1/2 miles southeast of Corder, Mo., for information call or address C. Wiley, Higginsville, Mo., Box 412.

FOR RENT—Five large, well ventilated rooms over Hinesley's Cigar Factory on Ninth street. Suitable for two families. Inquire at the Cigar Factory or Hinesley's Confectionary.

Nothing detracts from your appearance so much as a light suit badly soiled, mused and in bad condition. Besides, it's not necessary.

For a merely nominal charge we clean and press suits and keep them as fresh and shapely as when new. It adds to your appearance, and to the usefulness of the garment. Send your cleaning to us, and let us show you.

Crawford's Laundry and Dry Cleaning House. Phone 130.

Homes for Boys Wanted.

We have on hand a very fine lot of boys of all ages from one month to twelve years of age. We are putting them out in carefully selected homes. They are placed on three months' trial. All it costs to get one is the transportation. Reference required. For terms address Rev. C. C. Stahmann, Margaretta and Newstead Avenues, St. Louis, Mo., State Superintendent of The Children's Home Society.